



Greetings from the 2008-2009 Wisconsin Region VI Vice President

Hello Region VI! This is your Region Vice President, Amber Zhou, excited to kick off the new school year with FBLA.



To let you know a little about myself, I am currently a junior at Brookfield East High School. In addition, I am very active in extra-curriculars, which include FBLA, a yearbook editor, Mathletes, and Key Club. I

also enjoy taking rigorous classes because I always like a challenge. In my free time I like to sleep, sleep, and sleep.

As previously serving as my local chapter's president and an active FBLA member, I realize that many local chapters have great ideas and suggestions that would make our region and state stronger. If you have any input that would make Region VI or Wisconsin FBLA even better this year, don't hesitate to contact me at wifblaregion6vp@gmail.com or my advisor at holtzera@elmbrookschoools.org.

I look forward to working with you this year and I am excited to see each of you at the Fall Leadership Lab in Wisconsin Dells and the National Fall Leadership Conference in Minneapolis Minnesota. Good luck to each and everyone one of you this year and remember to "Get the Edge" by participating in all FBLA has to offer!

Hello Wisconsin FBLA!

I'm Michelle Friedel, your WI FBLA State President.



I hope that your first few weeks of school have been a success. With all of your new classes and homework, I hope you haven't forgotten about paying your FBLA dues and choosing a competitive event.

I'm looking forward to seeing many new FBLA'ers at our Fall Leadership Labs in October and I hope to meet many more of you at NFLC in Minneapolis, MN in November!

Good luck this school year!

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Wisconsin State Officer Team

This year's state officer team is ready to make this year a success. Your Wisconsin State Officers are:

State President: Michelle Friedel
State Vice President: Samantha Murphy
State Secretary: Larissa Jo Speerstra
State Treasurer: Ken Feldkamp
State Reporter: Anthony Pappenfus
State Parliamentarian: Katharine Molinarolo
Region I Vice President: Breanna Minor
Region II Vice President: Bailey Reed
Region III Vice President: Cassandra Kussow
Region IV Vice President: Courtney Sutherland
Region V Vice President: Kaitlyn Teal
Region VI Vice President: Amber Zhou

National Fall Leadership Conference

This year the National Fall Leadership Conference is going to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. NFLC is great kick off to the upcoming year of FBLA. You can learn a lot of new things along the way from the powerful key note speaker, the variety of great workshops, and also the new people you will meet along the way! The conference will be held on November 7-8th, but make sure you register by the deadline October 3rd. The key note speaker this year is Dr. Joe Martin he is the president and founder of the Real World University website, the largest college student success web site in the country.

Minneapolis will be where Wisconsin FBLA members will “get the edge” for the upcoming year. Conference rates can be found online and also in the FBLA-PBLA Get the Edge, National Fall Leadership Lab Booklet, along with other useful information. Make sure you “get the edge” this year and attend the 2008-2009 National Fall Leadership Conference!

Community Service Projects

This year our community service project theme is animals. We encourage every chapter to do a volunteer activity involving animals. This year during CTSO Officer Training, our State Officers went to the Madison Zoo and helped clean the zoo for there Eating with the Beast event. During this year, chapters can hold fundraisers to help the animals in their local county Humane Society, go and help a local zoo, or have a dog wash or walk.

We hope you can get out there and help your local community animals. Have fun and let us know what your chapter did to help the cause!



Early Information on the Regional Leadership Conference

For the 2008-2009 school years, FBLA's Regional Conference will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009. With the new year, there are several changes to competitive events and the dress code.

New events this year include Sports Management, a written exam, and Client Service, which now has a regional performance component. For more information on competitive events and the topics for this year, please visit the following website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/fbla/index.html>.

The dress code has also become a crucial component of competitions as it will be strictly monitored and documented for disqualification. Some of the major rules that have been overlooked include: open toed shoes are allowed as long as nothing is between the toes; females must wear nylons when wearing a skirt or gauchos (with matching jacket); males must wear a belt, dress socks, dress shoes, and a tie. For more information on the dress code, please visit the previously mentioned website.

Advisors, please remember that registration is \$15 per person; this includes advisors and chaperones. The RLC registration window is open from December 8th through December 19th. With that said, I hope to see your chapter at Regionals.

Reminder Dates

- Oct. 8th – Fall Leadership Lab Registration due
- Oct. 10th – NFLC Early Bird Registration due
- Oct. 15th – Membership fees are due to apply as a Gold Seal chapter
- Oct. 16th – Fall Leadership Lab at the Kalahari, Wisconsin Dells
- Oct. 21st – Fall Leadership Lab at the Plaza, Wausau
- Nov. 7th-8th – National Fall Leadership Conference
- Nov. 15th – All membership fees are due
- Dec. 1st – Program of Work is due
- Dec. 1st – Membership verification email (complete by Dec. 3rd)

New Chapters

If you know of any high schools or middle schools that do not currently have FBLA in their school, please email the school's name to wifblaregion6vp@gmail.com! Together we can Supersize FBLA!

The Professional Division Challenge

Each and every one of us knows a professional in our communities. Did you know they could be involved in FBLA? They could do so by:

- Allowing students to job shadow them
- Arrange a tour at their local business
- Judge at the local, state, and national competitions
- Offer scholarships and other financial support
- And much, much more!

I challenge the chapters of Region VI to find someone in the community that would like to become a part of The Professional Division, a part of FBLA for professionals!

For more information and materials on the Professional Division please contact me wifblaregion6vp@gmail.com.

March of Dimes

At this year's State Leadership Conference, regions will be competing against each other in a penny war as a fundraiser for March of Dimes. Let's get an early start Region VI! Start thinking of ways to raise those coins so we'll come out on top. And who knows, maybe there will be a penny war at the Regional Leadership Conference.

We Want to Hear From YOU!!!

Want to share your ideas with everyone in your region? Want to show off how great your chapter is? Send your ideas and pictures to wifblaregion6vp@gmail.com, and you and your chapter can be featured in the next Region VI Newsletter!

Also, at the end of each month, I'd like for your chapter to email me a report regarding EVERYTHING you have done. This includes socials, community service projects, fundraisers, conferences, etc.

If your chapter needs ideas, feel free to contact me for suggestions. Your chapter is also welcome to join my local chapter in activities and events.

Advisor's Corner

Advisors, if you did not receive this newsletter from us via e-mail as well, please e-mail me a little note at holtzera@elmbrookschoools.org so that I have the correct e-mail for everyone. Please also let me know if advisors have changed or been added so I can update my database. Thank you!

A few reminders for you:

- Remember to register for the Fall Leadership Lab and the NFLC by the dates mentioned above.
- Pay all membership dues by November 15th to be eligible to compete at the Regional Leadership Conference this year.
- RLC registration will be open December 8th through the 19th!

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Allie